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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Residence for the Director of Central Intelligence

1. This memorandum is for information.
 2. A good case can be made for providing a Headquarters residence for the Director of Central Intelligence. As Chief Intelligence Officer of the Government and intelligence adviser to the President, he must be instantly available on a twenty-four-hour basis. This may require his personal presence in the Headquarters building on short notice or availability by telephone, which must be secure, or by courier. All of these would be enhanced by a residence in close proximity to Headquarters. In addition, no matter where the Director dwells, special security measures have to be taken to protect him, to protect classified information, and to protect classified documents. These points are spelled out in detail in the attached memorandum from the Director of Security dated 13 May 1965. Aside from the added protection, the Director of Security estimates that a Government-provided building at Headquarters would result in considerable saving of money to the Government. The problem is to obtain authority to construct such a dwelling.
 3. The General Counsel made a study in 1960 and concluded that authorizing legislation would be required as well as approval of the funds needed. Since no precedent has been found for construction of a residence for the head of a civilian agency, such legislation might well become controversial in the Congress. If, therefore, it is proposed to seek such authorization, the proposal should be carefully reviewed with the Bureau of the Budget and with members of the CIA Subcommittees in the House and the Senate before any public move is made.
4. If you desire to proceed, we will be glad to start explorations with the Bureau of the Budget and appropriate Congressional CIA Subcommittees.

/s/ L. K. White

L. K. White
Deputy Director
for Support

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